

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to any paper(s) indicated above, and is responsive in any other manner indicated below.

REPLACEMENT TITLE

The title has been objected to because of the Office Action concerns listed within "Specification" section on page 2 of the Office Action, i.e., as not being sufficiently descriptive. As the foregoing replacement title is believed to be sufficiently descriptive of the invention to which the claims are directed, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the title, are respectfully requested. In the event that the present replacement title is itself found not to be sufficiently descriptive, the Examiner is herein authorized to amend to a suitable replacement title.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 were pending, under consideration and subjected to examination in the Office Action. Appropriate claims have been amended, canceled and/or added (without prejudice or disclaimer). Such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment and are simply cancellation of any disputed claim(s) (without prejudice or disclaimer) to obtain a patent (without prejudice or disclaimer) on any allowable claim(s) as quickly as possible. Any disputed claim(s) may be pursued within a continuing application. At entry of this paper, Claims 1, 3-10, 12-13 and 15-20 will be pending for further consideration and examination in the application.

REWRITTEN ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Claims 2-3, 7-8, 11-12, 14-18 and 20 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten, as indicated within the "Allowable Subject Matter" section on page 6 of the Office Action. Features/limitations of ones of the allowable dependent claims have been incorporated into the independent claim(s), thereby rendering the rewritten independent claim(s) and any claims dependent therefrom allowable, i.e., all of presently-pending claims 1, 3-10, 12-13 and 15-20 should be allowable as presently rewritten. Applicant and the undersigned respectfully thank the Examiner for such indication of allowable subject matter.

35 USC '102 AND '103 REJECTIONS - OBSOLETE VIA CLAIM AMENDMENT

All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed, but the present amendment (without prejudice or disclaimer) of such claims into incorporate features/limitations of allowable claims to obtain a patent (without prejudice or disclaimer) on ones of the allowable claims as quickly as possible, has rendered such rejection(s) obsolete. Thus gratuitous traversal arguments concerning the rejection(s) are omitted for brevity. Further discussions/arguments concerning such rejection(s) are left for the future if/when appropriate. Based upon the following, reconsideration and withdrawal of such rejection(s) are respectfully requested.

ALL CLAIMS IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the fact that all prior art rejected claims have been amended to incorporate features/limitations of ones of the allowable claims so as to render such claims allowable, it is respectfully submitted that all presently pending claims are

now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance with respect to the present application is respectfully requested.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is herein invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone number of 703/312-6600 for discussing any Examiner's Amendments or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements, or any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, i.e., Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

CONCLUSION

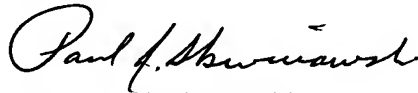
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR '1.136. Authorization is herein given to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.43676X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Based upon all of the foregoing, allowance of all presently-pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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